

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

April 23rd, 2015

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held April 23rd, 2015 at Moore Memorial Park. President Adelai Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm. There were 91 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of the March meeting were briefed by Joni Erwin and approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Andrew Luzum announced the current balance available \$30,819.18.
- Ag Council: They completed their roadside cleanup this past week, which was their last event of the year.
- Reporters: The Facebook likes continue to increase and be sure to go follow us on Instagram.
- Historian: The reporters apologized for the lack of ketchup this evening and they will be sure to put that as a suggestion for the next reporters. They also thanked CGB for sponsoring our meal.

Guest Speaker: Rick Vaughn Innovative Ag Services

Rick Vaughn is the CEO of Innovative Ag Services. He completed his undergraduate degree at Iowa State and majored in Ag Business and also had a minor in Finance. He was happy that he chose this route because he uses Economics everyday in his job. He also gave us advice of other classes that he finds useful. These included accounting, psychology, and sociology. He also stressed the importance of communication in today's world and you must know how to communicate verbally, through writing, and over the phone. Finally he stressed the importance of having fun while in college and enjoying it while you are here. He then went into detail about what Innovative Ag Services (IAS) does. IAS is agriculture cooperative and operates to serve members but also to ensure the company's future success. Their number one core values are communication, customer experience and employee excellence.

Committee Reports:

- Banquet: Next year's banquet will be March 5, 2016 and if you have any suggestions for next year's banquet please let the committee know. The Alumni Homecoming breakfast will take place in the Memorial Union and we are working to invite more alumni this year.
- Philanthropy & Service: They thanked the members that participated in the roadside clean up and are looking forward to next year's service projects.
- Professional Meetings: They are conducting practice to prepare for the summer AAEA conference. They are also working on the outstanding club and creative club award applications.
- Publicity: They have been out and about for the club with their new banner and they are working to prepare our year in review pamphlet. Also, if you have any suggestions or preferences for clothing next year let them know.
- Recruitment & Social: The committee attended many events throughout the State FFA Convention to talk to prospective students and they are working on formatting a letter to send out to next year's freshmen this summer.
- Sponsor Relations: They are working on preparing for next year's golf outing and brainstorming ideas to show appreciation to our club sponsors.
- Travel: The Spring Industry Tour will now be September 24th-26th so the club can attend a Kansas City Royal's game together while traveling to Kansas City.

Meet the Prof: Graduating Senior Panel

Thank you seniors for all you have done to help our club achieve the highest level of success. We truly appreciate all you have done. We wish you all the best in your future career and endeavors.

New Business:

- **Member of the month:** Nathan Hrubes
- **New/Old Member:** Erin Wagner / Kolbe Stenoien

Drawings

- **Guess the Member:** Marcus Christensen **Winner:** Katelin Schroeder
- **Wheel of Fortune:** George Ferrell (\$20)
- **Perfect Attendance:** Freshmen Megan Tusek, Sophomore Nathan Hrubes, Junior Alex Hage, Senior Tony Grubb

Advisor Comments:

- Amy Brandau: Thank you to the seniors, members, and other advisers for a great year. To the graduating seniors, we wish you luck in the future and we look forward to hearing from you after graduation. To the members coming back next year, have a great summer and represent our club, our program, and Iowa State University well at your internships.

Announcements:

- Farm Op Spring Softball Showdown, April 26th
- Next Meeting Thursday, August 27th
- AFA Leaders Conference – Application are due September 11, 2015 For more info talk to Celina Young
- We then took an entire club photo

President, Adelai Swanson, adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.